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   Draft C++ Interface for the FE Sparse Linear Solver Abstraction
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            First 00 draft 10-feb-97 (version 0), based on procedural
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            draft started summer 96.
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   Update: 15-Oct-98, version 1.0
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   This interface specification is intended to provide a simple means for
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   passing finite-element data to and obtaining solution services from
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   solver libraries within an object-oriented, C++ setting.
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// A procedural interface specification is also in progress, with basic
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   functionality mirroring this C++ spec.
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// Updates to this specification can be downloaded from:
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   http://www.ca.sandia.gov/isis/fei_docs.html
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   Summary of modifications from last updates:
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   15-oct-98 added a raft of modifications for v1.0 -- see the
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              annotated reference document for these details. These
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              modifications include permitting different-sized
//
              worksets between the init and load steps, and a list
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              of modifications pertaining to adding "field" abstractions
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              to simplify handling multiphysics simulations. In v1.0
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              and future versions, all b.c.'s and constraints are dealt
//
              with at the level of nodal field parameters, and element
//
              blocks register their approximation fields explicitly.
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   15-jan-98 added the "resetSystem" function, allowing the FE
//
              application to reset the underlying matrix and vector
//
              to contain zeros.
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              also added a parameter to the loadElementData function,
//
              with which the application specifies which workset is
//
              being loaded.
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   29-jul-97
              added Sierra-motivated abstraction for
//
              global-ID (extended integer) data types to permit better
//
              integration with Sierra FE development efforts. Redefined
//
              block to include variable solution cardinality pattern as
//
              per suggestions from the Aztec SNLA group.
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   16-may-97
              augmented data structures for external nodes to handle
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//
              both send and receive functions. Generalized handling of
//
              penalty constraint conditions. Added ability to manage
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              groups (sets) of generic constraints. Simplified the
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              implementation of the Lagrange multiplier constraint form.
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23-apr-97
               fixed order of load process, by placing boundary condition
               load step before element data loading. This permits the
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               implementation to modify the sparse matrix for boundary
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               conditions at the element level, which is a -lot- simpler!
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               Note: we're leaving the "element-first" ordering for the
               initialization stage, and using the "b.c.-first" approach
               for the loading steps. If this lack of agreement in the
               calling sequence is a problem it would be straightforward
               to fix, though we're not doing that change now...
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   17-apr-97 clarity improvements, including appropriate const
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               declarations for all passed parameters, and improved
//
               or enhanced solution return functions
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   10-apr-97 minor fixes, including some naming changes to enhance
//
               consistency, and two new solution upload functions:
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                - addition of proposed new solution upload functions for
//
                  element solution param and Lagrange multiplier return
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    31-mar-97 Major restructuring effort, involving several key ideas:
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                - removal of workset terminology
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                - introduction of start/end method calling architecture
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                  for overall block structure of data-handling (see more
//
                  detailed note below)
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                - careful definition of nodal lists/nodal sets
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    27-feb-97 Introduced workSet definitions for both element and nodal
//
               data, including appropriate initializations.
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               Fleshed out distribution of parameter lists, and especially
               those for boundary and interface condition data.
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               Began task of merging annotations into the interface file,
//
               to document each passed parameter and returned values.
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   12-feb-97 Added initialization for boundary condition and interface
//
               condition constraints, so that underlying matrix/vector
//
               objects are fully configurable after intitialization
//
               sequence.
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               Added initComplete function to indicate that all
               initialization steps have been completed, and that the
               matrix/vector "objects" can be formed.
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               Made SparseLinearEquations object constructor require
               no arguments, but internally contain pointers to matrix
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//
               and vector objects corresponding to virtual Ax=b. These
//
               internal objects may (if needed) be constructed/configured
//
               when the initComplete function is invoked, since at that
//
               point all structural information is available.
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               All functions now return int-valued error status.
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               Various function renaming to improve consistency.
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   Design overview:
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   The C++ interface is based on the following primary abstractions:
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        Sparse linear system of equations...
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Matrix virtual representation of matrix object A // // Vector virtual representation of vector objects // Equations for linear case, composed of matrix A, solution // vector x, and RHS vector b for Ax=b // The end-user is required to construct an equations object, denoted SparseLinearEquations (SLE), which contains internal pointers to virtual matrix and vector objects. The equations object is the // central interface between the equation solver services and the // FE analysis codes. // The initialization sequence provides sufficient information for // // construction (if needed) of matrix and vector objects from within // the SLE object. // // Finite elements... // // field a solution field defined over all or part of the // solution domain, and interpolated over any or all // of the element blocks defined via the interface // // block a collection of elements and associated nodes satisfying the following elemental criteria: // // // (1) all have the same number of associated nodes // (2) all have the same pattern of solution cardinality // (i.e., the number of unknowns per node forms a // consistent pattern over the associated nodes) // (3) all elements are local to the same processor // // elemSet a subset of a block to permit grouping of elements within a block for convenience in passing element through the interface layer, on a more-or-less arbitrary scale // // ranging from "one element" up to "all the elements on // this processor". It is important to note that elemSets // inherit the following implicit restriction: // // (4) all nodes are either local to this processor, // or shared by this processor. // // nodeSet a collection of individual nodes, grouped to make // aggregate handling of data convenient. One example of a nodeSet would be a list of nodes where a // generic boundary condition is specified. // // a collection of generic constraints, where the constrSet // specific form of the constraint (i.e., the number // of nodes defining the constraint, and the weights // assigned to each nodal solution parameter) is fixed // for each different list of nodes associated with // constraint // // In cases where the generic term "set" is used, it should be clear from context which type is assumed. // The block is fundamental to storing common parametric data. The // elemSet is the basic working unit of this interface, where the size // of the elemSet typically reflects cache performance. // // Important conventions regarding elemSets and nodeSets:

(a) The union over all the element sets of all the elements

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contained in the collection of elemSets is the entire list of elements associated with the processor.

- (b) The intersection over all the element sets of all the elements contained in the collection of elemSets is NULL.
- Note: conventions (a) and (b) may be relaxed somewhat in the future, in order to accommodate "shadow elements", which are fictitious local copies of elements from neighboring processors, used to simplify or reduce communications during the assembly process. If restrictions (a) and (b) -are- relaxed to admit shadow elements, then the union may include some (shadow) elements -not- associated with this processor, and the intersection may not be null, but instead contain duplicate copies of shadow elements. In any case, the discrepancies from the restrictions (a) and (b) presented above will be confined to specific cases, namely sets of shadow elements...
- (c) The union over all the nodal sets of all the nodes contained in the collection of nodeSets is the list of nodes that are "interesting", namely nodes with either boundary data defined, or those that are shared with another processor. If a node isn't "interesting" in these senses, then it doesn't need to be identified as belonging to any nodeSet, as the solver can figure out which nodes are active by scanning the element connectivity data.
- (d) The intersection over all the nodal sets of all the nodes contained in the collection of nodeSets does not have to be NULL, as it may include nodal data that has some overlap, such as a node shared between processors that also has a boundary condition associated with it.

Known problems/issues/questions:

- We will eventually add a more general form of constraint relation (actually, "relations", as more than one equation will be developed for each constraint, in general) for some of the new slidesurface constraint forms used in ALE3D. This extension will leave the rest of the interface functions unchanged, so it does not detract from the existing interface architecture.
- \* What values to use for errStat codes?
- & We are working to expand equation solution services interface:
  - eigen analysis
  - multi-level/multi-grid support
  - extension to nonlinear eqns.

Definitions and Assumptions:

SPMD:

Single Program, Multiple Data - the parallel programming paradigm where each processor executes the same set of instructions as the others, but operates on local data. All function calls in this interface are assumed to be executing in parallel according to an SPMD architecture.

boundary node:

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A node which has a boundary condition associated with it (note that this definition does -not- imply such a node is located on the boundary between processors of a domain decomposition!).

## active node:

A node which appears in the element connectivity list for a given processor. If a node is active, then there will be element data contributing to equations associated with that node. The union over all the elements of the nodes associated with each element is the list of active nodes, and such nodes are instrumental to constructing the sparse matrix's representation.

also, "active node" can be taken to be the restriction of this definition to a particular block structure on a given processor, so that we can refer to the list of active nodes associated with a given processor, or a similar (subset) list associated with a given block.

## shared node:

A node which is shared among two or more processors, and which is connected to an element on this processor. Shared nodes will be a subset of the nodes found by scanning all elements on the local processor (i.e., the list of all active nodes).

## external node:

A node which is external to the local processor, but which is needed for local computations. External nodes are not connected to any local elements. That is, external nodes will not show up by scanning all elements on the local processor. These are typically associated with interface (e.g., slide line) conditions, and they are by definition -not- active nodes.

description of basic calling architecture

highest-level overview.....

- (1) initialization
  - general data handling to determine eqn system structure
- (2) loading of element and nodal data
  passing element and boundary condition data so as to
  construct the system of equations
- (3) equation system solution setting and applying solution strategies for solving the system of equations
- (4) return of solution data query solver to determine nodal and elemental solution values

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    lower-level view.....
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      --- many steps in calling sequence use a blocked structure to
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          aid in iterating over all the collected data
//
      (1) initialization
             (a) general initialization calls
             (b) element initialization block
                   (i) pass element set initialization data
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             (c) node initialization block
                   (i) pass nodal set data (e.g., shared nodes)
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             (d) constraint (interface) condition block
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                   (i) pass constraint relation init data
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             (e) notification of end of initialization section
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      Notes on initialization methods:
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      -- constraint relation data is passed using constrSets, which
         are generic aggregations of individual constraint relations.
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         these constrSets can be readily degenerated down to
//
         individual algebraic constraint relations
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      -- element and nodal initialization data is passed using
        aggregations elemSet and nodeSet, as these datatypes are
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         generic in that they naturally apply to groups of elements
//
         or nodes. These accumulative data types also degenerate
         gracefully down to the case of "one element" and "one node",
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         in the same manner as for constraint sets
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      (2) element and nodal data passing processes
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             (a) boundary condition data-passing block
                   (i) pass boundary condition node set data
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//
             (b) element data-passing block
//
                   (i) pass element set stiffnesses and loads
//
             (c) constraint (interface) condition data-passing block
//
                   (i) pass constraint relation definitions
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             (d) notification of end of data-passing section
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     Notes on data-passing methods:
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      -- some repetition of initialization data (such as connectivity
         data for elements) may be repeated to simplify data caching.
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      (3) solution
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             (a) select preferred solution methods
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                   (i) advise choice of solver
//
                  (ii) advise choice of preconditioner
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             (b) set solution control parameters
                   (i) max iterations
                  (ii) convergence tolerance
                 (iii) etc.
             (c) invoke solution process
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     Notes on solution methods:
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      -- may need add other methods here, such as a means to handle
//
         divergent iterations or other exception conditions.
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      -- have added methods to pass initial vector estimates to
         the solvers, as the inverses of those "solution return"
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loadCRPen(args...);

endLoadCREqns();

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methods listed below.
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     (4) return of solution data
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            (a) block solution query
                  (i) return solution data for element sets
                  (ii) return constraint (Lagrange) parameters
            (b) alternate (future) methods for solution query
            (c) notification of end of solution query section
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//
     Notes on solution return methods:
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//
     -- we -can- provide extensibility of solution return process,
        in case of specialized data-passing needs (such as some
//
        legacy Fortran codes).
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// basic outline of the calling sequence (function names only, with
// returned error status codes removed for clarity, and with the
/// various utility functions removed in the interest of simplicity)
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//
   (0) Construction
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//
       SparseLinearEquations(args);
//
   (1) initialization
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       initSolveStep(args...);
//
           initFields(args...);
//
           beginInitElemBlock(args...);
//
               initElemSet(args...);
//
           endInitElemBlock();
//
           beginInitNodeSets(args...);
               initSharedNodeSet(args...);
               initExtNodeSet(args...);
           endInitNodeSets();
           beginInitCREqns(args...);
               initCRMult(args...);
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               initCRPen(args...);
//
           endInitCREqns();
//
       initComplete();
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   (2) load data
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//
       beginLoadNodeSets(args...);
           loadBCSet(args...);
       endLoadNodeSets();
//
       beginLoadElemBlock();
           loadElemSet(args...);
//
//
       endLoadElemBlock();
//
       beginLoadCREqns(args...);
//
           loadCRMult(args...);
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       loadComplete();
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    (3) equation solution
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       parameters(args...);
       iterateToSolve(args...);
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//
   (4) return of solution data
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//
       getBlockNodeSolution(args...);
//
       getBlockFieldNodeSolution(args...);
//
       getBlockElemSolution(args...);
       getCRMultSolution(args...);
       getCRMultParam(args...);
// include the file where typedefs are for GlobalID, etc
#include "basicTypes.h"
#include "mpi.h"
// public interface definition
class SparseLinearEquations {
  public:
    // construction
    SparseLinearEquations(MPI_Comm FEI_COMM_WORLD, int masterRank=0) {};
    virtual ~SparseLinearEquations() {};
// Structural initialization sequence.....
    // per-solve-step initialization
    virtual int initSolveStep(int numElemBlocks,
                            int solvType) = 0;
    // identify all the solution fields present in the analysis
    virtual int initFields(int numFields,
                          const int *cardFields,
                          const int *fieldIDs) = 0;
    // begin blocked-element initialization step
    virtual int beginInitElemBlock(GlobalID elemBlockID,
                                 int numNodesPerElement,
                                 const int *numElemFields,
                                 const int *const *elemFieldIDs,
                                 int interleaveStrategy,
                                 int numElemDOF,
                                 int numElemSets,
                                 int numElemTotal) = 0;
    // initialize element sets that make up the blocks
    virtual int initElemSet(int numElems,
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const GlobalID \*elemIDs,

const GlobalID \*const \*elemConn) = 0;

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    // end blocked-element initialization
    virtual int endInitElemBlock() = 0;
    // begin collective node set initialization step.
    virtual int beginInitNodeSets(int numSharedNodeSets,
                                  int numExtNodeSets) = 0;
    // initialize nodal sets for shared nodes
    virtual int initSharedNodeSet(const GlobalID *sharedNodeIDs,
                                  int lenSharedNodeIDs,
                                  const int *const *sharedProcIDs,
                                  const int *lenSharedProcIDs) = 0;
    // initialize nodal sets for external (off-processor) communication
    virtual int initExtNodeSet(const GlobalID *extNodeIDs,
                               int lenExtNodeIDs,
                               const int *const *extProcIDs,
                               const int *lenExtProcIDs) = 0;
    // end node set initialization
    virtual int endInitNodeSets() = 0;
    // begin interface condition set initialization step
    virtual int beginInitCREqns(int numCRMultSets,
                                int numCRPenSets) = 0;
    // interface condition initialization
    // - lagrange multiplier formulation
    virtual int initCRMult(const GlobalID *const *CRNodeTable,
                           const int *CRFieldList,
                           int numMultCRs,
                           int lenCRNodeList,
                           int& CRMultID) = 0;
    // interface condition initialization
    // - penalty function formulation
    virtual int initCRPen(const GlobalID *const *CRNodeTable,
                          const int *CRFieldList,
                          int numPenCRs,
                          int lenCRNodeList,
                          int& CRPenID) = 0;
    // end interface condition list initialization
    virtual int endInitCREqns() = 0;
    // indicate that overall initialization sequence is complete
    virtual int initComplete() = 0;
// FE data load sequence.....
    // set a value (usually zeros) througout the linear system
    virtual int resetSystem(double s=0.0) = 0;
    // begin node-set data load step
    virtual int beginLoadNodeSets(int numBCNodeSets) = 0;
    // boundary condition data load step
    virtual int loadBCSet(const GlobalID *BCNodeSet,
                          int lenBCNodeSet,
                          int BCFieldID,
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const double \*const \*alphaBCDataTable,
const double \*const \*betaBCDataTable,

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const double *const *gammaBCDataTable) = 0;
   // end node-set data load step
   virtual int endLoadNodeSets() = 0;
    // begin blocked-element data loading step
   virtual int beginLoadElemBlock(GlobalID elemBlockID,
                                  int numElemSets,
                                  int numElemTotal) = 0;
   // elemSet-based stiffness/rhs data loading step
   virtual int loadElemSet(int elemSetID,
                           int numElems,
                           const GlobalID *elemIDs,
                           const GlobalID *const *elemConn,
                           const double *const *const *elemStiffness,
                           const double *const *elemLoad,
                           int elemFormat) = 0;
    // end blocked-element data loading step
   virtual int endLoadElemBlock() = 0;
   // begin interface-condition data load step
   virtual int beginLoadCREqns(int numCRMultSets,
                               int numCRPenSets) = 0;
   // lagrange-multiplier interface condition load step
   virtual int loadCRMult(int CRMultID,
                          int numMultCRs,
                          const GlobalID *const *CRNodeTable,
                          const int *CRFieldList,
                          const double *const *CRWeightTable,
                          const double *CRValueList,
                          int lenCRNodeList) = 0;
   // penalty formulation interface condition load step
   virtual int loadCRPen(int CRPenID,
                         int numPenCRs,
                         const GlobalID *const *CRNodeTable,
                         const int *CRFieldList,
                         const double *const *CRWeightTable,
                         const double *CRValueList,
                         const double *penValues,
                         int lenCRNodeList) = 0;
   // end interface-condition data load step
   virtual int endLoadCREqns() = 0;
   // indicate that overall data loading sequence is complete
   virtual int loadComplete() = 0;
// Equation solution services.....
    // set parameters associated with solver choice, etc.
   virtual void parameters(int numParams,
                           char **paramStrings) = 0;
   // start iterative solution
   virtual int iterateToSolve() = 0;
// Solution return services.....
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// return all nodal solution params on a block-by-block basis
    virtual int getBlockNodeSolution(GlobalID elemBlockID,
                                     GlobalID *nodeIDList,
                                     int &lenNodeIDList,
                                     int *offset,
                                     double *results) = 0;
    // return nodal solution for one field on a block-by-block basis
    virtual int getBlockFieldNodeSolution(GlobalID elemBlockID,
                                          int fieldID,
                                          GlobalID *nodeIDList,
                                          int& lenNodeIDList,
                                          int *offset,
                                          double *results) = 0;
    // return element solution params on a block-by-block basis
    virtual int getBlockElemSolution(GlobalID elemBlockID,
                                     GlobalID *elemIDList,
                                     int& lenElemIDList,
                                     int *offset,
                                     double *results,
                                     int& numElemDOF) = 0;
    // return Lagrange solution to FE analysis on a constraint-set basis
    virtual int getCRMultParam(int CRMultID,
                               int numMultCRs,
                               double *multValues) = 0;
    // return Lagrange solution to FE analysis on a whole-processor basis
    virtual int getCRMultSolution(int& numCRMultSets,
                                  int *CRMultIDs,
                                  int *offset,
                                  double *results) = 0;
// associated "puts" paralleling the solution return services.
// the int sizing parameters are passed for error-checking purposes, so
// that the interface implementation can tell if the passed estimate
// vectors make sense -before- an attempt is made to utilize them as
// initial guesses by unpacking them into the solver's native solution
// vector format (these parameters include lenNodeIDList, lenElemIDList,
// numElemDOF, and numMultCRs -- all other passed params are either
// vectors or block/constraint-set IDs)
    // put nodal-based solution guess on a block-by-block basis
    virtual int putBlockNodeSolution(GlobalID elemBlockID,
                                     const GlobalID *nodeIDList,
                                     int lenNodeIDList,
                                     const int *offset,
                                     const double *estimates) = 0;
    // put nodal-based guess for one field on a block-by-block basis
    virtual int putBlockFieldNodeSolution(GlobalID elemBlockID,
                                          int fieldID,
                                          const GlobalID *nodeIDList,
                                          int lenNodeIDList,
                                          const int *offset,
                                          const double *estimates) = 0;
    // put element-based solution guess on a block-by-block basis
    virtual int putBlockElemSolution(GlobalID elemBlockID,
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const GlobalID *elemIDList,
                                     int lenElemIDList,
                                     const int *offset,
                                     const double *estimates,
                                     int numElemDOF) = 0;
    // put Lagrange solution to FE analysis on a constraint-set basis
    virtual int putCRMultParam(int CRMultID,
                               int numMultCRs,
                               const double *multEstimates) = 0;
// utility functions that aid in integrating the FEI calls.....
// support methods for the "gets" and "puts" of the soln services.
    // return info associated with Lagrange multiplier solution
    virtual int getCRMultSizes(int& numCRMultIDs,
                               int& lenResults) = 0;
    // return info associated with blocked nodal solution
    virtual int getBlockNodeIDList(GlobalID elemBlockID,
                                   GlobalID *nodeIDList,
                                   int& lenNodeIDList) = 0;
    // return info associated with blocked element solution
    virtual int getBlockElemIDList(GlobalID elemBlockID,
                                   GlobalID *elemIDList,
                                   int& lenElemIDList) = 0;
// miscellaneous self-explanatory "read-only" utility functions......
    virtual int getNumSolnParams(GlobalID globalNodeID) const = 0;
    // return the number of stored element blocks
    virtual int getNumElemBlocks() const = 0;
    // return the number of active nodes in a given element block
    virtual int getNumBlockActNodes(GlobalID blockID) const = 0;
    // return the number of active equations in a given element block
   virtual int getNumBlockActEqns(GlobalID blockID) const = 0;
   // return the number of nodes associated with elements of a \ensuremath{\text{//}} given block ID
    virtual int getNumNodesPerElement(GlobalID blockID) const = 0;
    // return the number of equations (including element eqns)
    // associated with elements of a given block ID
    virtual int getNumEqnsPerElement(GlobalID blockID) const = 0;
    // return the number of elements associated with this blockID
    virtual int getNumBlockElements(GlobalID blockID) const = 0;
    // return the number of elements eqns for elems w/ this blockID
    virtual int getNumBlockElemEqns(GlobalID blockID) const = 0;
};
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